

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the careful consideration and favorable treatment of claims 1-23 which were indicated as being allowable if several formal matters are overcome.

With respect to the objection to the Abstract, Applicants provide the Examiner with an amended Abstract of a single paragraph and consequently believe that this point is now moot.

The objections to claims 12, 13, and 23 have been addressed and overcome in the present Amendment.

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 20 to provide the proper antecedent basis and therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Since there are no formal rejections based on prior art and all other formal matters have been addressed and overcome, claims 1-23 stand in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the present communication is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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